RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Funds for Agricultural Loans.

127. ✻ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many applications for agricultural loans were disallowed, in the years 1106 to 1109, for absence of fund, from the Nedumangad Taluk Cutcherry and Trivandrum Division Cutcherry?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No application for agricultural loan was rejected from these offices in the years 1106 to 1109 for want of budget allotment.

Protection of cocoanut industry.

128. ✻ **MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR** (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have pressed on the British Indian Government the necessity for protecting cocoanut cultivation in Travancore; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the people of Travancore have to bear heavy burdens owing to import duties to protect the cotton, iron, sugar and other industries of British India?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know from Government the result of their correspondence with the Government of India?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter has been referred to the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research. They appointed a sub-committee which met a few days ago and the resolutions which that committee passed on this matter have been sent to the Government of India.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know from Government whether a final decision has been reached by the Government of India?

PRESIDENT: It has been already stated that the matter is under consideration by the Government of India.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): With reference to his answer to part (b) of the question, may I know whether they have impressed upon the British Government and the Imperial Government that a reduction of import duty is essential?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We have made representations to Government on the point as strongly as we could.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from Government whether there will be a further reduction of import duty as a result of that representation?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We addressed the Government of India on the matter not once but several times.

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